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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN PRESS REPORTS ON A. B. TOLBERT'S

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE U. S.

1. THE TWO LIBERIAN NEWSPAPERS, THE LIBERIAN AGE AND THE LIBERIAN STAR, BOTH CARRIED ARTICLES ON APRIL 17 REPORTING ON ATTORNEY A. B. TOLBERT'S MOST RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE U. S. ON BEHALF OF LIBERIA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, ATTORNEY TOLBERT HAS HAD TALKS WITH SENATOR BELLMON AND AS A RESULT THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO ASSIST LIBERIA THROUGH A PROGRAM OF CATTLE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT.

3. REPORTEDLY ATTORNEY TOLBERT HAS ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH SENATOR HUBERT HUMPHREY (WHO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR " RALLY TIME"); MR. GEORGE JOHNSON, AFROSHEEN PRODUCTS, JOHNSON AND JOHNSON; MR. AL JOHNSON, "3 RD LARGEST CADILLAC DEALER IN THE U. S."; JESSEE JACKSON, PRESIDENT OF PUSH; AND MR. HENRY DORMANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER WHO WILL BE ARRIVING IN MONROVIA ON APRIL 23 AS GUEST OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO " DO JUSTICE TO RALLY TIME AND TO ACT AS A STIMULANT AND CATALYST ON NAPITOL HILL IN WASHINGTON FOR PROPER ATTENTION TO LIBERIA THROUGH THE DERIVATION OF ADEQUATE ECONOMIC AID FROM BOTH THE USA AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS." DORMANN
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DESCRIBED AS " VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT NIXON."
DORMANN' S COMING TO LIBERIA ATTRIBUTED TO " HIS LONG
FRIENDSHIP WITH ATTORNEY A. B. TOLBERT."

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED TWO LETTERS REQUESTING
COURTESIES FOR DORMANN RECEIVED FROM SENATOR CHURCH AND
HERBERT KELIN.

5. WOULD APPRECIAGE COMMENT FROM WASHINGTON AGENCIES ON
ABOVE NEWS STORY AND ANY FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.
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